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**Correspondence from the USPTO confirming entry into the U.S.  
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Dear Ms. O'Brien:

This letter is in response to your communication filed 26 October 2005, requesting the national stage status of U.S. applications that claim priority to PCT/ EP04/03590 (WO 2004/087168). U.S. Patent and Trademark records appear to show that a national stage application was received 21 September 2005, and accorded US Serial No. 10/550382, and is pending as to the United States.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Wanda Banks".

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